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## Highlights

- Potatoes • Milk production • Dairy products
- Cattle on Feed

### United States potato stocks up 1 percent

The 15 major potato States held 272 million cwt of potatoes in storage December 1, 2004, up 1 percent from last year and 3 percent above 2002. Potatoes in storage account for 67 percent of the 2004 fall storage States' production, 1 percentage point above last year. Stocks by type were 3 percent red, 12 percent round white, 4 percent long white (Shepody), and 81 percent russets, with fewer reds and more long whites than a year ago. Disappearance of 132 million cwt from the start of harvest to December 1, is down 3 percent from last year and 8 percent below two years ago. Shrink and loss, at 16.8 million cwt, is up 12 percent from last year and 8 percent above the same date in 2002.

Western States held 184 million cwt of potatoes in storage on December 1, up 3 percent from last year but 1 percent below two years ago. Idaho's potato stocks are up 9 percent from last year, California increased 19 percent, and Montana's storages held 10 percent more. Potato sheds in Washington and Colorado both stored 2 percent less than last year.

### Oregon's potato production remains steady from November's forecast

Oregon's 2004 potato production is estimated at 19.8 million cwt., unchanged from the November forecast. The 2004 crop production is also nearly 6 percent below the 2003 crop and nearly 21 percent below the 2002 crop. Across Oregon, yield is estimated at 534 cwt per acre, the highest yield since the 2000 crop. Planted acreage levels decreased by 14 percent in 2004 to 37,000 acres, while harvested acreage, also estimated at 37,000 acres, decreased by 13 percent.

In Malheur County, 5,200 acres were harvested with a record yield of 470 cwt per acre, an increase of 55 cwt from the 2003 crop. In all other counties of Oregon, 31,800 acres were harvested with an average yield of 545 cwt per acre, up 40 cwt from the 2003 crop.

## Processing

Processors in Washington and Oregon (excluding Malheur County) used 32.3 million cwt of raw potatoes to December 1, 2004, a decrease of 1 percent from the 32.7 million cwt processed during the same period last year and a decrease of 4 percent from 33.7 million cwt processed during the same period two years ago. Processing to December 1 in Washington and Oregon (excluding Malheur County) accounted for 29 percent of the 2004 production for those areas. Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used 24.4 million cwt of raw potatoes to December 1, less than a one percent increase from a year ago but a 14 percent decrease from two years ago. Total processing of the 2004 crop potatoes was 70.7 million cwt to December 1, down just over 2 percent from last year and down slightly over 8 percent from two years ago. Of the processed total, 13.4 million cwt were used for dehydrated products, excluding starch and flour.

## December 1 stocks down nearly six percent

Potato stocks in Oregon totaled 17.0 million cwt as of December 1, 2004, reflecting a decrease of nearly 6 percent from December 1, 2003. This total accounts for 86 percent of the 2004 crop production in Oregon, as it did last year at this time. Stocks include potatoes received from other States now being stored in Oregon.

About 61 percent of Oregon's stocks are in the Hermiston/Boardman area, while 16 percent are in Klamath County and 15 percent are in Malheur County. Last year at this time, 68 percent of Oregon's stocks were in the Hermiston/Boardman area, while 13 percent were in Klamath County and 12 percent were in Malheur County. Hermiston/Boardman area stocks are down 15 percent from one year ago, while Klamath County stocks are up nearly 13 percent and Malheur County stocks are up 18 percent from last year.

Potato stocks are defined as the quantity (whether sold or not) remaining in storage for all purposes and uses, including shrinkage, waste and other losses that occur after December 1.

## U.S. fall potato production up less than 1 percent from November

Production of fall potatoes for 2004 is forecast at 410 million cwt, up less than 1 percent from last month and virtually unchanged from last year for comparable States. South Dakota and Utah were dropped from the program starting in 2004. Area harvested, at 1.03 million acres, is up less than 1 percent from November but 6 percent below last year. The average yield is forecast at 399 cwt per acre, 14 cwt above last month and 23 cwt above last year. If realized, this will be a record high yield, 7 cwt above the previous record set in 2000.

Western States production is forecast at 281 million cwt, virtually unchanged from the November forecast but up 3 percent from last year for comparable States. Acreage harvested, at 642,200 acres, decreased 3 percent from last year, but the average yield of 437 cwt per acre is up 23 cwt from 2003. Record high yields in Idaho increased production 7 percent from the previous year. Favorable growing conditions during the season contributed to the good size and quality of the tubers. Production in Washington went up 1 percent from last year. Colorado's production decreased 2 percent as more acres were abandoned due to higher disease rates and water management issues. California's production is up 10 percent from last year. Ideal weather and excellent soil conditions increased yields 85 cwt from 2003 to 510 cwt per acre, more than offsetting the decrease in harvested acres. Growers in Montana expect production to be 6 percent above the 2003 crop. Nevada's production is expected to decrease 13 percent. New Mexico production is expected to be 8 percent above last season.

## Potatoes: Quantity used for processing, eight states, 2003 - 2004 <sup>1/</sup>

State	Storage season	To Dec. 1	To Jan. 1	To Feb. 1	To Mar. 1	To Apr. 1	To May 1	To Jun 1	Entire season
		1,000 cwt.	1,000 cwt.	1,000 cwt.	1,000 cwt.	1,000 cwt.	1,000 cwt.	1,000 cwt.	1,000 cwt.
Idaho & Malheur Co., Oregon	2003-2004	24,310	30,730	36,260	43,640	49,570	56,380	63,770	77,530
	2004-2005	24,360	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Washington & Other areas, Oregon	2003-2004	32,670	38,520	43,610	51,210	58,500	64,160	72,350	79,800
	2004-2005	32,270	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Maine <sup>2/</sup>	2003-2004	1,590	2,085	2,720	3,420	4,095	4,740	5,400	7,270
	2004-2005	1,555	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Other states <sup>3/</sup>	2003-2004	13,835	16,505	19,590	22,685	25,920	29,480	32,845	42,160
	2004-2005	12,525	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total	2003-2004	72,405	87,840	102,180	120,955	138,085	154,760	174,365	206,760
	2004-2005	70,710	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

<sup>1/</sup> Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the State in which the potatoes were produced.

Does not include quantities used for potato chips in Maine, Colorado, Michigan and Wisconsin.

<sup>2/</sup> Includes Maine grown potatoes only.

<sup>3/</sup> Colorado, Minnesota, Nevada, North Dakota and Wisconsin.

## Fall potatoes: Acreage, yield, production and stocks, 2003-2004

State	Area harvested		Yield per acre		Production and stocks			
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003 Production	Total stocks Dec. 1, 2003	2004 Production	Total stocks Dec. 1, 2004
	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>Cwt.</i>	<i>Cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>
<b>Oregon total</b>	42.6	37.0	493	534	20,991	18,000	19,775	17,000
<b>Malheur County</b>	5.8	5.2	415	470	2,407	—	2,444	—
<b>Other counties</b>	36.8	31.8	505	545	18,584	—	17,331	—
Idaho total	358.0	353.0	344	374	123,180	86,000	131,970	93,500
10 SW Counties	25.0	25.0	465	490	11,625	—	12,250	—
Other counties	333.0	328.0	335	365	111,555	—	119,720	—
Washington	162.0	159.0	575	590	93,150	51,000	93,810	50,000
Pacific Northwest <sup>1/</sup>	562.6	549.0	422	447	237,321	155,000	245,555	160,500
California	8.3	7.6	425	510	3,528	2,700	3,876	3,200
Colorado	65.7	64.3	360	360	23,652	17,500	23,148	17,200
Maine	65.5	62.0	260	310	17,030	13,500	19,220	15,000
Michigan	45.5	42.0	330	325	15,015	9,200	13,650	8,600
Minnesota	58.0	44.0	385	430	22,330	14,000	18,920	13,000
Montana	10.6	10.6	315	335	3,339	3,100	3,551	3,400
Nebraska	23.2	21.8	420	410	9,744	6,500	8,938	5,800
New York	21.7	19.2	300	270	6,510	2,700	5,184	2,900
North Dakota	112.0	101.0	245	265	27,440	19,400	26,765	19,600
Ohio	4.3	3.6	255	300	1,097	300	1,080	200
Pennsylvania	12.5	11.0	270	230	3,375	1,900	2,530	1,200
Wisconsin	80.0	74.0	410	415	32,800	22,100	30,710	21,000
15 State total	1,069.9	1,010.1	377	399	403,181	267,900	403,127	271,600
Other states	21.0	16.9	353	396	7,407	—	6,696	—
United States	1,090.9	1,027.0	376	399	410,588	—	409,823	—

<sup>1/</sup> Includes Oregon, Idaho, and Washington.

### U.S. Cattle on feed up slightly

**Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.3 million head on December 1, 2004. The inventory was slightly above December 1, 2003 and 4 percent above December 1, 2002.

**Placements** in feedlots during November totaled 1.74 million, 10 percent below 2003 and 12 percent below 2002. This is the lowest placements for the month of November since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.64 million. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than

600 pounds were 590,000, 600-699 pounds were 557,000, 700-799 pounds were 326,000 and 800 pounds and greater were 270,000.

**Marketings** of fed cattle during November totaled 1.63 million, 6 percent above 2003 but 6 percent below 2002. This is the second lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of November since the series began in 1996.

**Other disappearance** totaled 108,000 during November, 11 percent above 2003 and 20 percent above 2002.

### Cattle on feed: 1,000+ capacity feedlots United States, December 1, 2003-2004

Item	Number		2004 2003
	2003	2004	
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
On feed November 1 <sup>1/</sup>	11,043	11,334	103
Placed on feed during November	1,926	1,743	90
Fed cattle marketed during November	1,537	1,625	106
Other disappearance during November <sup>2/</sup>	97	108	111
On feed December 1 <sup>1/</sup>	11,335	11,344	100

<sup>1/</sup> Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

<sup>2/</sup> Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

### November milk production up 1.2 percent

**Milk production** in the 20 major States during November totaled 11.8 billion pounds, up 1.2 percent from November 2003. October revised production, at 12.3 billion pounds, was up 1.4 percent from October 2003. The October revision represented an increase of 0.1 percent or 9 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

**Production per cow** in the 20 major States averaged 1,526 pounds for November, 9 pounds above November 2003.

**The number of milk cows** on farms in the 20 major States was 7.77 million head, 44,000 head more than November 2003, but unchanged from October 2004.

#### Milk: Cows and production, by state, Nov. 2003-2004

State	Milk cows <sup>1/</sup>		Milk production <sup>2/</sup>		2004 2003
	2003	2004	2003	2004	
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Million lbs.</i>	<i>Million lbs.</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Wash	243	234	440	426	-3.2
Calif	1,694	1,741	2,821	2,960	4.9
Idaho	412	436	717	750	4.6
U.S. <sup>3/</sup>	7,721	7,765	11,709	11,846	1.2

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

3/ Twenty major states.

### Dairy products: Quantities manufactured, Oct. 2004

Products		Production	
		October 2004	2004 2003
		<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>
<b>OREGON</b>			
American cheese	Lbs	9,701	9.5
Ice cream, hard	Gal	990	-8.6
<b>UNITED STATES</b>			
Butter	Lbs	102,968	6.4
American type cheese	Lbs	311,207	2.0
Creamed cottage			
Cheese	Lbs	30,465	-5.6
Canned evap. and con-			
densed whole milk	Lbs	44,549	-5.7
Non-fat dry milk	Lbs	94,588	-11.5
Yogurt-plain & flavored	Lbs	201,900	5.3
Ice cream, hard	Gal	68,465	-1.9
Ice cream, lowfat, soft	Gal	21,110	10.7
Frozen yogurt, all	Gal	4,823	-8.7

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